

The Select Board met on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 remotely at 7:00pm. The following Board members were present:

Benjamin Barrett, Chair
Nancy Mackenzie, Vice Chair
Mark Gallivan, Clerk
James O'Neil
David Salvatore

Also participating
James Johnson, Town Administrator
Patrick Shield, Assistant Town Administrator
Aoife Kelly, Executive Assistant

Executive Order on Remote Participation

Thursday March 12, 2020 Governor Baker issue and "Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting G.L. c 30A Section 20. That order, which was effective immediately and until it is rescinded or the State of Emergency is terminated.

Chair to announce that all members will be participating remotely during the meeting due to unprecedented time in history of the Commonwealth. The Governor has authorized remote Participation for all public boards due to the Emergency declaration order that was issued on March 12, 2020. Every vote taken will be taken by roll call vote.

Chair Barrett called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Appointments

Presentation by Leon T. Andrews, Jr., Director of the League of Cities Race, Equity, and Leadership Program and Possible Vote to Support

Leon T. Andrews, Jr. from National League of Cities was present for this appointment. Chair Barrett give some background on this agenda item and how it came to the attention of the Board. Mr. Andrews gave a brief presentation on the work NLC is doing, the workshops they provide and a breakdown of the available services. The Board thanked Mr. Andrews for his presentation and discussed the importance of having the hard conversations about racial equity and diversity. The Board discussed the assessment portion and the merits of completing the surveys and having a starting point, which helps set the right expectation level for what they are trying to accomplish. On motion of Chair Barrett, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted that the Select Board support a capital budget request to be submitted by Organizations and Leaders Supportive of the Town of Walpole contracting services for racial justice training. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-1-0). Board member Salvatore opposed.

Introduction of Veteran's Agent & Director of Veteran's Services Mark Bryson and Vote for appointment

Jim Johnson provided some context on the search for a Veteran's Agent and introduced Mark Bryson to the Board. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted to appoint Mark Bryson to the position of Veteran's Agent and Director of Veteran's Services. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Recognition of Board of Health member William Morris

William Morris and Board of Health Director Melissa Ranieri were present. Melissa provided some history on Bill's service to the Town in his capacity as a member of the Board of Health. The Board thanked Bill for his time and service to the Town and congratulated him on a fabulous job.

Vote request of Mark Quigley for a Street Opening Permit at 1076 North St, which is under a moratorium

Carl Balduf, Town Engineer, provided some information on this item. Mark Quigley, property owner was also present. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to grant the request of Mark Quigley for a street opening permit at 1076 North Street, which is under a moratorium and with all the provisions set forth in the conditions memo from the Director of Public Works Richard E. Mattson. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Conservation Commission Interview and Vote for appointment

Dean Bebis give a brief introduction to the Board on his work experience and how his work has spurred his interest in giving back to the community. The Board thanked him for volunteering and look forward to working with him. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, second by Board member O'Neil, voted to appoint Dean Bebis as a regular member of the Conservation Commission with a term start date of 4/1/2021. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Economic Development Commission Interview and Vote for appointment

Daniel O'Driscoll introduced himself to the Board, gave some information on his experience and background, and noted his interest in giving back to the Town. On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted to appoint Daniel O'Driscoll as a regular member to the Economic Development Commission. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

New Business

Vote reappointment of Committee/Board members whose terms expire on March 31, 2021

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to promote Stephan Schaub to a regular member of the Board of Health. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to renew the term for all committee/board members as listed who requested to be reappointed and referenced in our board and committees reappointments dated March 19, 2021packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Discussion and Vote of Outdoor Dining and Temporary Extension of Premises to begin on April 01, 2021

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to begin outdoor dining on April 01, 2021 and allow department approved extension of premises from April 01, 2021 until November 01, 2021 or until 60 days after the end of the State of Emergency whichever is later. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). Jim Johnson introduced Patrick Deschenes to the Board as the new Director of Community and Economic Development.

Vote award of Bid/Contract No. 2021-15 for Master Plan Rewrite to Barrett Planning Group, Inc.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to award Bid/Contract No. 2021-15 for Master Plan Rewrite to Barrett Planning Group, Inc. for \$139,500. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-1-0). Board member Salvatore opposed. Jim Johnson informed the Board that Patrick Shield pursued a community compact grant that will pay for a portion of this contract. The Board discussed the selection process and how the selection committee chose the Barrett Planning Group, Inc.

Vote award a contract to Roberts Water Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$313,600 for the EJD Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitation.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to award a contract to Roberts Water Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$313,600 for the EJD Water Treatment Plant Filter Rehabilitation. On roll

call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0). Rick Mattson, DPW Director was present to provide some information to the Board on this contract.

Vote request of Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District to use ESSER II funding to offset the FY22 assessment for Walpole

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil, voted to use ESSER II funding to offset the FY22 assessment for Walpole in the amount of \$21,624, in reference to Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical School District. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Unfinished Business

Continued Discussion and Vote on Spring 2021 Town Meeting Articles

Jim Johnson outlined multiple articles that have yet to be voted on by the Select Board but have been voted on by the Finance Committee: Articles 2,3,4 – Personnel Board related articles, Article 6 – Annual Operating Budget, Article 12 - Stabilization, Article 13 - OPEB, Article 15 – Walpole Media Corp. Budget and Article 16 – Plastic Bag Citizen Petition.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted favorable action on Article 2. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-1-0). Board member Salvatore opposed.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted favorable action on Article 3. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted no action on Article 4. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted favorable action on Article 6. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted favorable action on Article 12. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted favorable action on Article 13. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Board member O'Neil voted favorable action on Article 15. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-1). Clerk Gallivan abstained.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan voted favorable action on Article 16. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-1-0). Board member Salvatore opposed.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Chair Barrett, voted to list the motions in numerical order in the minutes. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Town Administrator's Update

COVID

1,808 confirmed cases, with 45 active cases. Two weeks ago, we had 46 active cases, consistently been around 40-47 the last couple of weeks.

Finance Committee

They finished up voting the budgets this past week, they have about nine articles left to consider on April 5. Sewer & Water Commissioners met today and voted favorable action on the motions for the two sewer and water articles for FY22.

Town Meeting

The warrant is posted along with the continuation notice from the moderator. Town meeting will take place on Saturday May 1 at 10am with a rain date of Sunday May 2 on the turco field.

Southwood Hospital

The Norfolk Town Administrator was able to confirm that the property was sold to GFI Partners. GFI Partners made a presentation to the Planning Board recently of a concept that included a large warehouse and affordable housing component. The neighborhood expressed significant concerns about that especially given the traffic issues in the area. At this time, GFI is focused on understanding and preparing for the significant environmental issues they will need to clean up. The neighborhood, which includes some of the Walpole residents in South Walpole, have formed a PIP and registered with DEP. The current zoning in Norfolk does allow for a warehouse use, no residential so much more to come on this. It is on my radar; Walpole will obviously be impacted one way or another especially with the traffic.

Green Communities

Myself, Patrick and Patrick met with Cara and talked about one of the first projects we may look to pursue. Everyone seems to be on board with purchasing the streetlights and moving over to LED lights. We are putting together some rough numbers to likely go with a proposal to Town Meeting, Capital Budget in the fall. As we get closer, I would like to get the Select Board to review the proposal before we officially go forward with it as one of the first projects we pursue. I like it because one it is green and two it is going to save significant amounts of money in the town's electric bills going forward. I think our payback on this is five to seven years, it's a quick payback when looking at the big picture and I think the first project is going to be eligible for \$165,000, it's the biggest bang for our buck that I see right now.

Minutes

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to approve Minutes of March 09, 2021 as presented in our packet. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (4-0-1). Board member Salvatore abstained.

On motion of Vice Chair Mackenzie, seconded by Clerk Gallivan, voted to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned accordingly at 8:40pm. On roll call vote of the Board, Motion Passed (5-0-0).

Board/Committee Reappointments March 2021

<u>Adams Farm</u>	Jack Wiley Louis Hoegler	<u>Board of Health</u>	Richard Beauregard Rachel Jackson (Assoc)
<u>Board of Registrars</u>	Poornima Ranganathan	<u>Com For Drug & Alcohol Awareness</u>	Mona Bissany
<u>Conservation Com</u>	Jack Wiley Betsey Dexter Dyer	<u>Constables</u>	Donald Weber Richard McCarthy
<u>Council on Aging</u>	Linda Winslow Janet Fasanello (Assoc) Richard McCarthy	<u>Cultural Council</u>	Kari Denitzio
<u>Economic Dev. Commission</u>	Donnell Murphy	<u>Education Fund</u>	Kathy Casale
<u>Historical Commission</u>	Jennifer Karnakis	<u>Housing Partnership Com</u>	Willa Bandler
<u>Insurance Advisory Com</u>	Robert McCaffery David Radoccia	<u>Norfolk County Adv. Board</u>	Robert Damish
<u>Permanent Building Com</u>	John Conroy John Fisher	<u>Pond Mgt Committee</u>	Laura Garrity Roberto Crugnale Shawn McDonald (Assoc)
<u>Recreation Com</u>	Richard McCarthy Joseph Grant Brad Hickey (Assoc) Lorraine Dundon (Assoc) Douglas Shea (Assoc) Jeffrey Hutnick (Assoc)	<u>Taxation Aid Com</u>	Kathryn Hasenjaeger
<u>Town Forrest Com</u>	Matt Lundsten (Assoc)	<u>Trust Fund Com</u>	Lorraine Dundon
<u>Veterans Services Com</u>	Richard McCarthy Steven Kenney Donna Summers	<u>Walpole Trails</u>	Virginia Ryan Sandhya Malur Greg Campbell (Assoc)
<u>ZBA</u>	Andrew Delaney David Anderson (Assoc)		